

Lincoln, NE - Today Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, co-chair of the House Nuclear Security Caucus and member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, released the following statement in response to North Korea' decision to withdraw from international talks aimed at disarming its nuclear program:

“Reports from North Korea' state-run media that it is quitting the six-party talks and choosing to restart its nuclear program is cause for great concern. It shows a regrettable lack of interest in international cooperation and reintegration into a responsible community of nations.

“The pursuit of this devastating technology raises the spectre of destabilization in the Korean Peninsula and Northeast Asia, and the Korean government must understand that nothing can be gained by going down this path. The international community, particularly China, must use every diplomatic means at its disposal to engage voices of reason in North Korea to reign in this disturbingly renegade behavior.”

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